
Pandemic Influenza Issues and Avian Influenza Satellite Conference

Friday, September 17, 2004

9:00-11:00 a.m. (Central Time)

10 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) • 8:00-10:00 a.m. (Mountain) • 7:00-9:00 a.m. (Pacific)

An influenza pandemic is a global outbreak of influenza and occurs when a new influenza A virus emerges among people and then spreads, causing disease worldwide. On September 17, 2004, the Immunization Division of the Alabama Department of Public Health will host a satellite conference concerning pandemic and avian influenza. The first hour will be an overview of the Alabama Pandemic Influenza Plan, year-round influenza surveillance, and mass vaccination exercises taking place this fall relate to pandemic influenza.

The second hour of the satellite conference will feature David L. Suarez, D.V.M., Ph.D., an expert in avian influenza. Dr. Suarez has received many awards for his work in veterinary microbiology, including the Secretary of Agriculture's 2004 Honor Award in the category of Heroism and Emergency Response for his work with the Exotic Newcastle Disease outbreak in the United States. Dr. Suarez will present the latest developments in avian influenza research and answer questions regarding avian influenza.

Faculty:

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Objectives:

At the end of the program, participants will be able to:

1. Introduce pandemic influenza issues.
2. Explain Alabama's sentinel influenza system.
3. Relate mass vaccination exercises to pandemic influenza.
4. Describe the risk of avian and other animal influenza.
5. Explain the difference between antigenic drift and antigenic shift.
6. Learn how influenza disease spreads across species.

Conference Details:

Target Audience: Nurses and Social Workers.

Registration: www.adph.org/alphntn Cost: No cost to view.

Satellite Coordinates: C & Ku Band.

Conference Materials: Posted on website approximately one week before the program.

CEUs: Nurses and Social Workers (pending).

Questions: alphntn@adph.state.al.us or 334-206-5618.

Issues or questions you want addressed during the conference?

Email (alphntn@adph.state.al.us) or fax (334-206-5640) the conference faculty. They will respond during the program.

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